

County seeks ambulance grant

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HEBER CITY — The Wasatch County Commission gave the go-ahead for Emergency Services to apply for a \$15,000 grant from the state to buy a new ambulance.

EMTs reported that they are pleased with moving their equipment from the garage behind the old Heber City office building to the county shed, where it will remain until the new emergency services building is completed next fall. They said their response time from

the shed is even better than from the old garage.

The commission approved purchasing four new radar guns for the Utah Highway Patrol, for \$2,000 each. Commission Chairman Moroni Besendorfer said the funds will be taken from the revenue generated by tickets issued by the Highway Patrol.

Four radar guns presently used by the Patrol will be given to the County Sheriff's office to be used by deputies.

The commissioners decided against providing any cash to

help support the second annual powwow this June. They said they would provide the fairgrounds, along with the public works services that are required, and security, free of charge, the same as last year, but no cash. They pointed out that the county doesn't get any return on its investment because any sales tax revenue that results from the powwow goes to Heber City.

The commission approved 11 people to serve on the Jordanelle Task Force.

Test tube babies now produced

JERUSALEM (AP) — Doctors said Friday they are implanting test tube embryos in surrogate mothers to help women who cannot bear children, but they raised ethical questions about doing it for women who want babies without pregnancy.

The issue was raised at a conference on in vitro — or test tube — fertilization attended by doctors from 42 nations. Another issue was the morality of paying surrogates.

“Surrogate parenting is a wonderful option for couples

else to turn,” said William Handel, a lawyer from the Center for Surrogate Parenting in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The center charges \$40,000 to arrange contracts between couples and surrogate mothers, and so far has been involved in 11 pregnancies.

More than 800 infants have been produced worldwide through surrogacy; usually the surrogate mother's eggs are used.

In the in vitro procedure, however, an embryo is produced in a test tube using

in the womb of the surrogate.

Dr. Wulf H. Utian, a member of the Cleveland team that produced the world's first test tube baby using a surrogate in 1985, said the procedure “raises numerous ethical issues.”

He cited questions over whether doctors should involve themselves in contracting surrogates, whether the surrogate should be paid, whether a surrogate should have a relationship with the child she bears and who should be considered the baby's legal parents.

“You cannot embark on a